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TAGS: CDES, CH (POLISENO, A. MICHAEL)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF POLISENO

REF: STATE 19140 (NOTAL)

1. ACTING CONSULAR OFFICER CALLED ON MFA PROTOCOL OFFICE DIVISION CHIEF HSU TSUN-HSI JANUARY 27 TO PRESENT DENTAL RECORDS PROVIDED REFTEL. DURING CALL HSU SAID CHANGSHA AUTHORITIES HAVE RECOVERED POLISENO'S BODYA AND HAVE MADE A PRELIMINARY IDENTIFICATION FROM HIS RING, CROSS ON CHAIN AND PASSPORT. THE RING (A GOLD WEDDING BAND INSCRIBED "MIKE WITH LOVE BONNA") AND CROSS WERE LISTED BY POLISENO ON CHINESE CUSTOMS FORM WHEN HE ENTERED THE PRC. HIS PASSPORT WITH THE NUMBER CLEARLY LEGIBLE WAS FOUND IN A PARTIALLY BURNED BRIEFCASE NEAR HIS BODY.

2. HSU SAID REMAINS AND THE FEW PERSONAL POSSESSIONS RECOVERED FROM THE BURNED AIRCRAFT WILL BE SENT TO PEKING "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE". USLO OFF EXPLAINED FAMILY'S WISH THAT BODY BE RETURNED TO THE US FOR BURIAL, AND ALSO REQUESTED PERSONAL EFFECTS BE TURNED OVER TO USLO ASP. HSU SAID CHINESE WOULD PREPARE REMAINS AND MAKE COFFIN AND ASKED USLO TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS OF HOW THIS SHOULD BE DONE.

3. USLO WILL PROVIDE MFA WITH ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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FOR REMAINS FROM 7 FAM. IF NOT POSSIBLE TO MEET

U.S. IMPORT REQUIREMENTS IN PEKING, USLO RECOMMENDS
SHIPPING REMAINS TO JAPAN FOR PREPARATION AT TACHI-
KAWA AIR BASE, AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY
TOKYO. USLO IS CONFIRMING JAPANESE IMPORT REQUIRE-
MENTS ALREADY PROVIDED BY EMBASSY TOKYO WITH JAL OFFICE
IN PEKING.

4. USLO HAS REQUESTED MFA TO ALLOW USLO OFF TO BE
PRESENT WHEN REMAINS ARE SEALED IN HERMETICALLY SEALED
CONTAINER FOR SHIPMENT TO THE U.S.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT OBTAIN TRUST
FUND DEPOSIT OF U.S. \$7,500 TO COVER COSTS OF PREPAR-
TION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS.

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